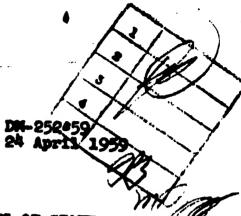


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Comments on General Norstad's Message Re Soviet Note on Development of an Atomic

Capability in Germany and Other MATO

Countries

Reference DENNIR, Paris to CJCS, DA IN 208267, 9050 4610 7 2217388 Apr 59

- 1. In the reference, General Morstad ferwarded his comments on the Soviet note on the development of an atomic capability in Germany and other MATO countries.
- 2. Our Imbession are negotiating atomic agreements with Bonn, Ankara, Athens and the Mague. It appears that State would like to have these agreements announced prior to the 11 May Ministerial Meeting, and that the announcement be made "under the MATO umbrella," preferably by SACEUR or The Secretary General of the North Atlantic Council. State has notified the above Embassies that no announcement should be made prior to the signing of the agreements.
- 3. General Morstad states he believes it desirable to make the proposed announcements "provided this can be accomplished without indicating great anxiety, feverish haste, or extraordinary pressures." He also stated, that if this cannot be done, he believes that the whole subject of agreements should be handled in a routine manner and with a minimum of publicity.
- 4. Attached for your approval is a memorandum by the Chairman for the Joint Chiefe of Staff which:
 - a. Recommends that the Joint Chiefs of Staff endorse General Hersted's comments.